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BOLTON WANDERERS

v

CREWE ALEXANDRA

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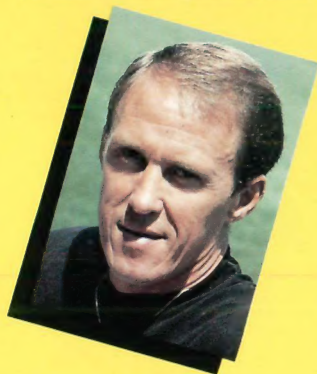
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PHIL'S PAGE



WELCOME tonight for the first of two important home games in the space of five days.

We were all understandably disappointed—no one more than the lads themselves—with the way things went at Wigan last Friday.

Having taken something like two thirds of the total crowd we really didn't do ourselves justice. Everyone was deeply saddened by a defeat when we were really looking to come away with something—even a point.

Consequently these two home games are important in helping us regain some of our lost momentum. This is the first opportunity we've had to welcome our two new signings. I'm sure Scott Green and John Gregory—two players from opposite ends of the experience scale—will be doing all they can to play their part, as will everyone else, between now and the end of the season.

One thing the Wigan game will have done is remind people that the target—that word 'promotion'—is something that must be earned in every game. Success never comes easily to anyone.

We will have everything to play for, both home and away, but we will only achieve our aims by knuckling down to some really hard work. That's what I'm looking for from everyone from here on in.

I'm confident we can bounce back tonight and with Crewe being such a good footballing side it all adds up to being a good spectacle.

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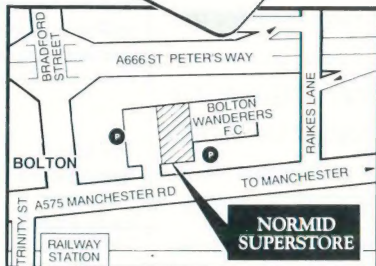
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Manager Phil Neal was busy in the transfer market last week securing the services of two players. The first to join to ranks was 20 year old Scott Green who cost £50,000 from Derby County; a versatile young player who the boss rates 'one for the future'. Then last week-end former England star John Gregory joined the Club on a months loan from Plymouth; a very experienced player whose standing in the game is second to none.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE (Up to and including 17.3.90)

	Av. Att. 1989-90	Highest	Lowest
Birmingham C.	8013	11277 v Bristol C.	5139 v Mansfield
Blackpool	4153	8108 v Preston	2512 v Brentford
Bolton W.	7132	10628 v Bury	5501 v Northampton
Brentford	5866	7962 v Fulham	4537 v Bolton W.
Bristol C.	10268	17432 v Bristol R.	6365 v Wigan
Bristol R.	5872	7722 v Bolton W.	4350 v Preston
Bury	3171	4715 v Preston	2327 v Northampton
Cardiff C.	3571	6372 v Bristol R.	2086 v Crewe
Chester C.	2334	3156 v Wigan	1722 v Leyton O.
Crewe A.	3847	4786 v Notts Co.	3165 v Northampton
Fulham	4316	6089 v Bristol C.	3156 v Wigan
Huddersfield T.	6062	8483 v Bury	4780 v Fulham
Leyton O.	4343	6572 v Brentford	3040 v Huddersfield
Mansfield T.	3177	6384 v Rotherham	2230 v Shrewsbury
Northampton T.	3245	4088 v Bristol C.	2172 v Wigan
Notts Co.	5715	7819 v Shrewsbury	4588 v Brentford
Preston N.E.	6242	9135 v Bolton W.	4480 v Leyton O.
Reading	4361	6147 v Bristol R.	3242 v Mansfield
Rotherham U.	5918	7750 v Bristol R.	4450 v Birmingham
Shrewsbury T.	3662	5118 v Crewe	2300 v Blackpool
Swansea C.	4346	12244 v Cardiff	2738 v Chester
Tranmere R.	6997	9604 v Wigan	4912 v Rotherham
Walsall	4370	6036 v Birmingham	3315 v Chester
Wigan Ath.	2688	6850 v Bolton W.	2019 v Reading

10,000 + Home Atts. 1989-90:

Birmingham C. 2, Bolton W. 1, Bristol C. 8, Swansea C. 1.

LITTLEWOODS CUP GATES HEADS FOR SIX YEAR HIGH

Aggregate attendances in this season's Littlewoods Challenge Cup have already exceeded the total for last year's competition and are set to reach their highest level since 1984/85. Over 1.7 million spectators have watched the 167 ties, producing an average gate of 10,554—a 14.9% increase on last year's corresponding figure.

	Attendances	Matches	Average	+/- (88/89)
First Round	226,534	56	4,045	+ 1.9%
Second Round	648,649	64	10,135	+ 20.5%
Third Round	373,918	23	16,257	+ 0.8%
Fourth Round	204,048	11	18,550	+ 10.3%
Fifth Round	223,077	9	24,786	+ 23.7%
Semi Final	86,347	4	21,587	- 8.8%
Total	1,762,573	167	10,554	+ 14.9%

The Final of the Littlewoods Cup between holders Nottingham Forest and Oldham Athletic will be played at Wembley stadium on Sunday, 29th April, kick-off 3.00 p.m. The game will be covered live exclusively on I.T.V.'s 'The Match'.



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If another supporter has equalled this achievement, full details of membership can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:—
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**Games played on Thursday
8th March, 1990.
QUARTER FINALS**

Bury Dental put 100% effort into their play but HB Electronics proved too good for them with James Chadwick netting a goal in each half to put HB into the Semi-Finals.

Volunteer's cup run came to an end, going down 3-0 to favourites Morris Green. Wayne Kennedy opened the scoring for Green from a well taken free kick. Second half goals from Mick Wild and Tony Ashbarry ensured Green a place in the Semi finals.

Upset of the Quarter Finals was Campbells Seven 1-0 victory over Lane Ends FC. All but the Campbells lads thought Lane Ends need only turn up to go into the Semi finals, although they dominated much of the play, goal chances were even with about three minutes to go, and extra time an even bet, Marcus Brown produced a spectacular goal to take Campbell's into the Semi Finals.

Deane FC, leading 1-0 through a Tommy Burtonwood goal looked in control. Highfield kept to the task in hand and equalised through Glen Yates, with Deane reduced to 5 men. Highfield failed to take advantage and after a period of extra time, with the scores still level at 1-1, Deane won the sudden death penalty shoot out.

LEAGUE MOVE SATURDAY FIXTURES TO HELP THE ENGLAND CAUSE

The First Division fixtures for the weekends preceding England's European Championship Qualifying games next season will be rescheduled to leave a blank day. Second, Third and Fourth Division matches will be played as usual.

The two programmes concerned are on Saturday 13th October 1990, (England v Poland on Wednesday 17th October), and Saturday 27th April 1991, (Turkey v England on Wednesday 1st May).



JULIAN DARBY
BEN-HB Electronics Player
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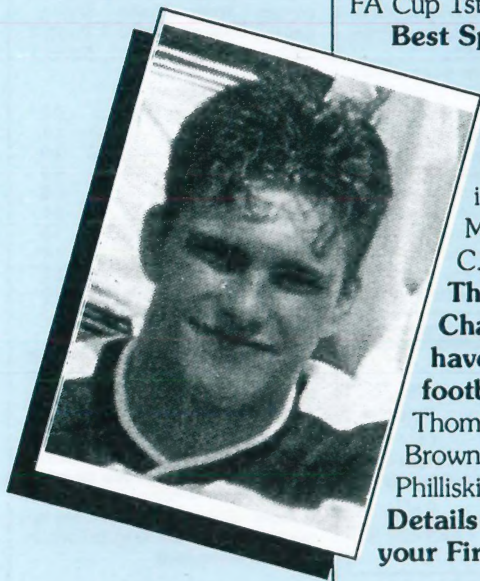
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PLAYER PROFILE

NICKY BENTHAM



Name: Nicholas John Bentham

Place/Date of Birth: Manchester/18.5.73

Married: No

Children: No

Favourite Other

Team: Manchester United

Favourite Away

Ground: Boundary Park

Best Player you have seen in your position: Paul McGrath

Best Goal scored and how: Header at back post against Stoke City

Best Goal seen: Ray Wilkins v Brighton 1983 FA Cup 1st game

Best Sporting Moment outside Football:

Won cricketing award for Middleton C.C.

The Liveliest Character you have met in football: Steve Thompson/Phil Brown/Tony Philliskirk

Details of your First

Match:

V's Leeds U. in a friendly (pre season)

Your worst moment on the football field: Seeing Steve Coffey break his leg.

The funniest incident you have seen on a football pitch: Birksy completely missing the ball against Burnley and falling on his backside.

Your best pal in football: All the lads.

The best and worst dressers among your team mates:

Phil Brown/Neil Hart

Do you have any hobbies: Spending money, playing any kind of sport.

With which sports star would you like to change places for a day?: Ian Botham

Your favourite newspaper: Daily Mirror

Your favourite holiday spot: France

Biggest risk taken in your life: Going out with all the YTS lads and sleeping at Coffey's

Happiest moment outside football: Being born.



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CREWE ALEXANDRA



Crewe Alexandra make their second appearance of the season at Burnden Park this evening and we extend a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters. One of the in form sides in the Third Division in recent weeks, the Alex have soundly consolidated after gaining promotion last season and if they can finish the season with the same panache which has marked their last few games, Dario Gradi's side could emerge as play-off candidates.

In 22 games in League and cup since their 0-2 defeat at Burnden in the Leyland DAF Cup at the end of November, Crewe have won nine, drawn ten and lost only three

times. Crewe's recent League form has included a fine double success over Huddersfield and a 2-0 win at Brentford, while their defence has been most solid with only four goals conceded in their last ten League games.

Manager Dario Gradi took over at Gresty Road prior to the start of the 1983-84 season and during his time at the club considerable progress has been made. Gradi is a great believer in developing young players and Crewe's youth policy has earned a well deserved reputation throughout the game. Gradi's greatest achievement was in taking his side to promotion last season and Crewe are now enjoying their first taste of Third Division football since the late 1960's. Refusing to panic after a mixed start to the season, Gradi has now seen his side, the bulk of whom played in the promotion season, adapt impressively to the Third Division.

Not surprisingly many of the First and Second Division clubs have cast envious glances at many of Crewe's young players and the latest Alex player to move up to the top flight is full back Paul Edwards, who joined Coventry in a reported £300,000 transfer, with further instalments dependent on appearances, last Thursday. Edwards had joined Crewe for a small fee from Altrincham a couple of years ago. Edwards now joins former Alex players such as David Platt (Aston Villa) and Geoff Thomas and John Pemberton (Crystal Palace) in the First Division.

Away from home this season Crewe have won at Blackpool (3-1), Bury (3-0), Huddersfield (1-0) and Brentford (2-0) and earned draws at Shrewsbury, Preston, Tranmere, Walsall, Reading, Fulham and Cardiff. After a 0-3 defeat at Birmingham on the opening day of the season they have not lost an away game by more than a single goal and are unbeaten away in the League since the turn of the year.

After winning only one of their first seven home games, Crewe's form at Gresty

Road has also been impressive of late with two victories over promotion contenders Bristol Rovers, Notts County, Bury and Huddersfield among their best results.

In the Littlewoods Cup, Crewe lost 1-0 on aggregate to Second Division Bournemouth in the second round after a 6-0 aggregate win against Chester in the first round. FA Cup wins against non leaguers Congleton and Bishop Auckland earned a third round trip to Chelsea. With a goal from Steve Walters, Alex earned a most creditable 1-1 draw but lost the replay 0-2 in front of Gresty Road's highest crowd of the season, 7550. In the Leyland DAF Cup Crewe did not progress beyond the preliminary stages.

Crewe Alexandra League Appearances 1989-90 (upto and including 10.3.90.)

Paul Edwards 8, Swain 29, Paul R. Edwards 26+1, Callaghan 27+2, Dyson 27, Clayton 15+3, Jasper 28+1, Murphy 25, Sussex 24+4, Gardiner 16, Fishenden 18+2, Hignett 16+5, Walters 22+2, Cutler 12+13, Rees 6, Smart 26+1, R. Edwards 1+2, Disley 0+1, McKearney 1+1, Greygoose 18, Rennie 1+1, Joseph 6+2, Easter 0+1, Foreman 0+1.

SCORERS

League (40): Sussex 8, Fishenden 6, Hignett 5, Clayton 4, Gardiner 4, Cutler 3, Dyson 2, Callaghan 2, Murphy 2, P.R. Edwards 1, Walters 1, Swain 1, Smart 1.
Cup (13): Sussex 4, Gardiner 2, Murphy 2, Clayton 1, Dyson 1, Cutler 1, Walters 1, Joseph 1.

FORM GUIDE—Recent

Birmingham C.	(h)	L	0-2
Fulham	(a)	D	1-1
Blackpool	(h)	W	2-0
Chester C.	(h)	D	0-0
Cardiff C.	(a)	D	0-0
Bury	(h)	W	2-1
Huddersfield T.	(a)	W	1-0
Shrewsbury T.	(h)	D	1-1
Brentford	(a)	W	2-0
Huddersfield T.	(h)	W	3-0
Swansea C.	(h)	D	1-1

Goalkeeper **Dean Greygoose** missed the start of the season due to injury but has been everpresent since the beginning of November. The former Cambridge United, Orient and Crystal Palace number one is due to make his 100th League appearance for Crewe tonight. The 25 year old former England Youth International joined the Alex in August 1987, initially on loan, and has relished the opportunity of regular first team football at Gresty Road.

FACT FILE

Season	Div.	Position	League		Most Apps	Top Scorer
			Lge Cup	FA Cup		
1984-85	4	10th	1	1	Hart 44, Waller 44	Waller 15
1985-86	4	12th	2	1	Davis 45	Waller 13
1986-87	4	17th	1	1	Parkin 44	Platt 22
1987-88	4	17th	1	1	Greygoose 43	Platt 19
1988-89	4	3rd	1	3	Fishenden 46	Fishenden 16

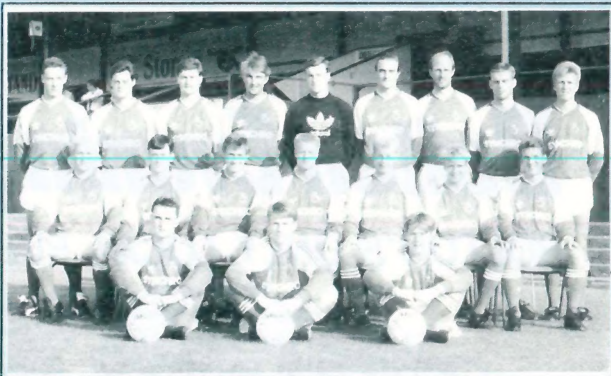


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Player-coach **Kenny Swain** made his League debut with Chelsea in March 1974 and has now made close on 570 League appearances. He played a century of games for his first four clubs, Chelsea, Aston Villa, Notts Forest and Portsmouth and has been a model of consistency in his two seasons with Crewe, and at 38 is an inspiration to a largely young side. **Jason Smart** was signed from Rochdale during the close season for a tribunal fixed fee of £45,000. The 21 year old defender made 117 appearances for Dale and has adapted impressively to the demands of Third Division football this season, becoming a regular member of the side. **Andy Sussex** joined Crewe from Leyton Orient for a fee of £15,000 before the start of last season. Crewe's leading scorer so far this season, the 25 year old Enfield born forward has been deputising in defence in recent games and was the two goal hero of Alex's 2-1 home win over Bury recently.

Aaron Callaghan was signed from Oldham before the start of last season and emerged as a key member of the promotion-winning side. The Dublin born 23 year old, formerly with Stoke City, recently made his 100th league appearance. **Dale Jasper** came to Gresty Road from Brighton in the summer of 1988. The former midfielder player made his 100th League appearance in the second game of this season and has been a first team regular during his time with the club. **Steve Walters** is a product of the FA School of Excellence and holds the distinction of being the youngest player to have represented the club. 18 last January, the highly promising forward already has around 50 League games under his belt.

Craig Hignett is a former Liverpool



Back Row (left to right): Dale Jasper, Jason Smart, Aaron Callaghan, Paul Fishenden, Paul Edwards, Andy Sussex, Paul Dyson, Chris Cutler, Paul Clayton.

Middle Row: Mark Gardiner, Aidan Murphy, Kenny Swain, Paul Edwards, Steve Walters, Rob Jones, Graham Easter.

Front Row: Rob Edwards, Craig Hignett, Colin Rose.

(Photo courtesy of Steve Finch.)

apprentice who has begun to earn a regular place in Crewe's first team this season after playing just one game last season, when he spent some time on loan at Stafford Rangers. **Mark Gardiner** was signed from Torquay United in 1988 and was a key figure in Crewe's promotion side with 10 goals in 38 games. The 23 year old former Swinton Town forward, who made his 100th League appearance earlier this season, has been in outstanding form in recent games. 25 year old **Chris Cutler** made his League bow with Bury and also had a spell in Scandinavian football before joining Crewe. Now in his fifth season with the club to earn the distinction of being the longest serving player, the talented forward has been a regular member of the side this term after a couple of years troubled by injuries.

Darren Foreman recently became the club's record transfer signing, a reported £80,000 fee securing his move from Barnsley. The Southampton born 22 year old forward spent four seasons at Oakwell without being able to secure a regular first team place. He made his Crewe debut as substitute in the recent game at Brentford. **Francis Joseph** is a 30 year old forward who was a recent £5,000 signing from Gillingham. Formerly with Wimbledon, Brentford, Reading and Sheffield United, the Kilburn born former Hillingdon Borough product has made over 200 League appearances and been a regular goalscorer. Crosby born **David McKearney** joined Crewe on a

free transfer from Wanderers during the summer. He made his League bow as substitute in the game at home to Rotherham in October. **Paul Dyson** is an experienced 30 year old defender who was recruited from Darlington during the close season. Formerly with Coventry, Stoke and West Brom, Paul has made 350 League appearances. **Paul Fishenden** was Crewe's leading scorer with 16 League goals last season. Formerly with Wimbledon, the 26 year old Hillingdon born striker recently scored his 50th League goal. **Robert Edwards** is a Manchester born 20 year old striker who has played a handful of first team games so far after coming up through the youth ranks. 22 year old **Aidan Murphy** is a right sided, versatile player who is in his third season at Gresty Road after joining the club from Manchester United. **Paul Rennie** is another product of the club's junior sides who has recently featured in the first team squad. He scored Crewe's goal against Swansea on Saturday.

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MATCH REPORT

"THIRD" FROM HOME

Over the next couple of months the season will have unfolded but at this sensitive stage one can't help looking closely at League positions, matches in hand and forthcoming opposition.

Prior to BOLTON's 2-0 Friday night defeat at WIGAN's Springfield Park 'Latics' boss Bryan Hamilton predicted, "We might beat them tonight but Bolton will go on to get promotion." Either Bryan possesses a crystal ball or had plotted a way to Wanderers downfall.

League leaders BRISTOL CITY have won 62% of their games to date amassing 45 goals along the way, conceding 25. Their goal difference of 20 could be worth a point come the day of reckoning.

TRANMERE are currently the Barclays League hotshots with 67 goals scored. Striker Ian Muir has had a tremendous season netting on 26 occasions so far and stands as the Divisions top scorer. Rovers have played two games more than the front runners but have the satisfaction of points in the bag. Third placed BRISTOL ROVERS on 60 points lie three points adrift of Tranmere with NOTTS COUNTY holding fourth place one point less but having completed 33 games.

BOLTON claim fifth place having completed 32 games. Phil Neal's men have created a goal difference of +14 with 55 points on the board.

Sixth place BURY have played more than all those above them and have just eleven remaining games. The Shakers' recent winning sequence has hoisted them back into the top six frame. The sight of the finishing line has caused some managers to reach for the cheque book. Tranmere boss Johnny King paid a Club record £125,000 for the services of Neil McNab to add experience in the midfield department. Bristol City have agreed a £175,000 fee with Portsmouth for striker Terry Connor. But Phil Neal hasn't been so extravagant. He has taken a more

shrewd approach, probably confident that his squad is strong enough to see Bolton home. Phil paid £50,000 for Derby 20-year-old unknown Scott Green as he looks to the future and obviously knows more than we do about the player. Scott can play in the back four, midfield or as out and out striker. The Bolton boss then persuaded ex-England international John Gregory to join the Club on a loan basis possibly to the end of the season. Gregory has a wealth of experience having had spells with Aston Villa, Q.P.R. and Derby. He joins Bolton from Plymouth.

Focussing on tonight's games and the teams in contention. Bristol City travel to Swansea who have just appointed Terry Yorath as their new manager. This move could spark something off and the League leaders could get a rough ride.

Hopefully the Wanderers will clear their little hiccup at the expense of Crewe but they have had a good run of late and drew 1-1 at Northampton last Saturday.

Bury could find themselves out of it realistically after having to play two games in three days. They face a tough task at Bristol Rovers on Wednesday followed by a trip to Swansea on Friday night.

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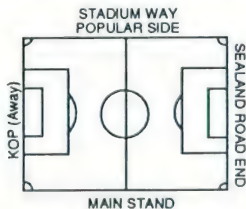
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Ground Capacity: 8,000
Seating Capacity: 2,874

LEYTON ORIENT

The **Travel Club** are taking bookings for the game at Leyton Orient on Tuesday, 27th March, 1990. The price is £10.50 and the coaches leave at 1.30 p.m.
Programme: 70p

Travel Information

From Bolton take A666/M61/M62 (follow Liverpool signs) to M6 junction at Croft. Take M6/M61 south to intersection 7, junction with M10, then M10 to intersection 1, junction with A405. Take A405 to junction with A6, A6 to South Mimms junction with M25, then M25 to junction with M11. Take M11 to intersection 3, junction with A11/A12 at Wanstead. Take A11 to Leyton and Orient's football ground which is off the A11, Leystone Road, on your right in approximately 2 miles.

Ground Facilities

Food & Drink: Snack bars throughout.

Family Facilities:

Location of Stand: None

Capacity of Stand:

Away Families:

Disabled Supporters:

Wheelchairs: Accommodated in Disabled Section

Disabled Toilets: Yes

The Blind: No special facilities

Club Shop:

Opening Times: Matchdays only

Telephone No.: (01) 539-2223

Postal Sales: Yes

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Coach Parking: By Police

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Away Supporters Sections:

South Terrace (Open)

Nearest Police Station: Francis

Road, Leyton, London E10

Police Force: Metropolitan

Police Tel. No.: (01) 556-8855

CHESTER CITY

The **Travel Club** are taking bookings for the game at Chester on Saturday, 31st March. The coaches leave at 1 p.m. and the price is £3.50.

Programme: 70p.

Travel Information

From Bolton take A666(M)/M61/M62 (follow Liverpool and M6 South signs) to M6 junction at Croft. Take M6 South to junction with M56, M56 terminus junction with A5117. Take A5117 (turn left leaving M56) and A550 to Sealand junction A548, then A548 to Chester.

This route avoids Chester City Centre which can become congested on Saturdays. Chester Football Ground is on the A548 (Sealand Road) half a mile before you reach the city.

Ground Facilities

Food & Drink: Snack bars throughout.

Family Facilities:

Location of Stand: Popular Side

Capacity of Stand: 1,280

Away Families: None

Disabled Supporters:

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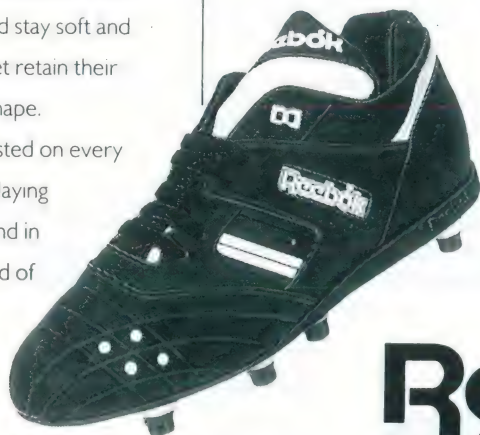
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20th March



TOM WOODWARD
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1897—The Wanderers played out a scoreless draw with Nottingham Forest at Burnden despite losing winger Bill Thompson through injury for more than half the game.

1911—The promotion challenge from Division Two was kept up with a 3-1 win over Burnley at Turf Moor. Tom Barber hit two goals with Harold Hilton striking the other.

1915—Bolton went down 4-2 at Bradford City where Frank Roberts and Evan Jones were the scorers. Although now placed 15th in the First Division the Wanderers were only two points better off than bottom club Chelsea.

1935—A then record attendance of 49110 were at the Victoria Ground to see the Wanderers lose 2-0 to West Brom in a second replay of the FA Cup semi final. Richardson and Sandford were the Midlanders goalscorers.

1937—The first League win of the year was recorded when West Brom were defeated 4-1 at Burnden. Albion, who were again in the FA Cup semi's, took the lead after five minutes but two goals from Jim Calder and one each from Ray Westwood and Harry Goslin

from the penalty spot earned a much needed victory.

1948—A goal from Tom Woodward was enough to see off Blackburn Rovers at Burnden and to register Bolton's third consecutive League win.

1954—Two goals in the opening quarter of an hour from Harold Hassall put the Wanderers into the driving seat against Aston Villa at Burnden. A 75th minute goal from Dennis Stevens made sure of the points.

1964—Liverpool completed the double against the Wanderers with a 2-0 win at Anfield. Bolton, who had lost the last three games without scoring a goal, were now in deep relegation trouble.

1965—Goals from Francis Lee, Fred Hill and Gordon Taylor gave the Wanderers a 3-2 win at Derby and kept them in the Second Division promotion frame.

1971—Norwich City piled on the relegation pressure with a 2-1 win at Carrow Road as the Wanderers recorded their eighth game without a win. Garry Jones converted a penalty for the Wanderers.



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ABOVE RIGHT: David Reeves on the attack again.

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This evening we welcome the Third Division team who are sneaking up on the rails and if they keep their recent fine form up (hopefully not tonight) Crewe could well be in with a shot when it comes to the promotion stakes in a few weeks time. We managed to force a draw from the Railwaymen back in October in a tough encounter at Gresty Road and certainly Dario Grady's side have done very well since moving into the Third Division this season.

The good news last week from our point of view was that skipper Phil Brown had escaped the expected one match ban thus being available tonight, when we all thought that he would have to sit this one out after being booked recently at Reading. It does mean however, that he is still walking a tightrope with one more booking meaning suspension.

Our last home game against promotion rivals Notts County really did put them in their place in what can only be described as a superb second half team performance in which we scored three times but could well have had six or seven but for Notts 'keeper Steve Cherry who made some breathtaking saves. It was also pleasing to see another healthy attendance and I am sure they all went home well pleased. Another interesting

fact to emerge from that game was that it was the first time in a League match that David Reeves and Tony Philliskirk (the Bros boys) had scored together, quite amazing that, but the only other time they had both appeared on the same goalscoring fact sheet was against Rochdale in the Littlewoods Cup.

More pleasing news from Burnden is that of the Reserve side who are putting a nice little run together in the 2nd Division of the Pontins League after a disappointing first half of the season. Recent results have seen a climb up the table with youngsters Darren Oliver, Alan Stubbs and Neil Fisher all putting up encouraging performances for the future.

After this evening's game we entertain Brentford on Saturday, before encountering two tricky away games at Leyton Orient and Chester, but did you know that in April we are at home on all the four Saturdays in the month—how did the Football League computer work that one out?

Just mentioning Chester in the last paragraph, it was sad to hear that they are having to move out of their ground at the end of the season because of debts, which it was reported as being 1.7 million; they are hoping to ground share next season until a new stadium can be financed in the near future.

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Aug.	23	Sheffield W.	A	1-1
	30	Stoke C.	H	3-4
Sep.	6	West Bromwich A.	A	1-5
	13	York City	H	2-3
	19	Burnley	A	1-0
	20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L		
	27	Blackpool	H	0-1
Oct.	2	Mansfield T.	A	4-2
	4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L		
	11	Preston N.E.	H	0-0
	18	Port Vale	A	1-1
	25	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-2
Nov.	8	Wigan Ath.	H	P
	15	Sunderland	A	2-3
	22	Scunthorpe Utd.	A	1-3
	29	Barnsley	H	1-0
Dec.	5	Grimby T.	A	P
	13	Middlesborough	H	1-4
	19	Rotherham Utd.	A	P
Jan.	3	Stoke City	A	3-4
	10	Sheffield W.	H	2-4
	17	York City	A	1-1
	24	West Brom. Albion	H	P
	31	Burnley	H	P
Feb.	7	Blackpool	A	3-1
	12	Preston N.E.		
	14	Littlewoods Cup SF/1L		
	21	Mansfield T.	H	
	28	Barnsley	A	
Mar.	5	Port Vale	H	
	14	Scunthorpe Utd.	H	
	28	Wolverhampton W.	A	
Apr.	4	Grimby T.	H	
	10	Middlesborough	A	
	18	Rotherham Utd.	H	
	30	Wigan Ath.	A	
May	2	Sunderland	H	

21st February, 1990.

Bolton Wanderers Reserves . . . 1

Mansfield Town Reserves 0

The Wanderers reserves continued their climb away from the re-election zone with a single goal victory over Mansfield Town at Burnden.

The result brought about the first double of the season although the margin of victory was slender there was little doubt as to where the points would end up.

For practically most of the game it was the Wanderers who held the advantage with Gareth Gray being called upon to make only one save. This came in the 35th minute when Gary McDonald broke through but the young 'keeper, back in the side due to Kevin Rose's loan spell at Halifax, got down well to block the shot.

At the other end the visitors 'keeper Jason Pearcey was kept busy. He did well to prevent a swerving drive from Darren Oliver getting out of his grasp and made a spectacular save from Mark Came's header.

The Wanderers almost opened their account in the opening minutes of the second half when Neil Fisher headed a Gary Henshaw cross against the bar.

The decisive goal came on the hour and it was Fisher, who has produced some consistent performances in recent weeks, that broke the deadlock.

A Robbie Savage free kick

on the right, awarded for a foul on Nicky Brookman, was inch perfect for Fisher to head home past the stranded Pearcey.

TEAMS

Bolton: Gray, Hughes, Oliver, Spooner, Came, Neal, Henshaw, Savage, Jeffrey, Brookman, Fisher. Subs: Roberts, Stevens for Jeffrey.

Mansfield: Pearcey, Place, Holland, Gray, Brogan, Hodges, Chambers, Milner, Leishman, McDonald, Hathaway. Subs: Mills, Jones.



NEIL FISHER—winning goal.

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Man. United A.	24	15	5	4	75	22	50
Crowe Alex. A.	24	16	2	6	96	46	50
Everton A.	23	15	3	5	61	27	48
Blackburn Rov. A.	25	15	2	8	51	36	47
Rochdale Res.	21	11	1	9	38	41	34
Preston N. E. A.	23	8	8	7	54	49	32
Liverpool A.	21	9	3	9	50	37	30
Morcambe Res.	23	7	3	13	31	74	24
Carlisle Utd. Res.	22	5	6	11	34	47	21
Marine Res.	23	4	7	12	25	51	19
UNIST	24	5	4	15	29	63	19
Burnley Res.	21	5	4	12	36	77	19
Bolton Wand. A.	20	5	3	12	38	41	18
Accrington St. Res.	20	4	4	12	17	65	16



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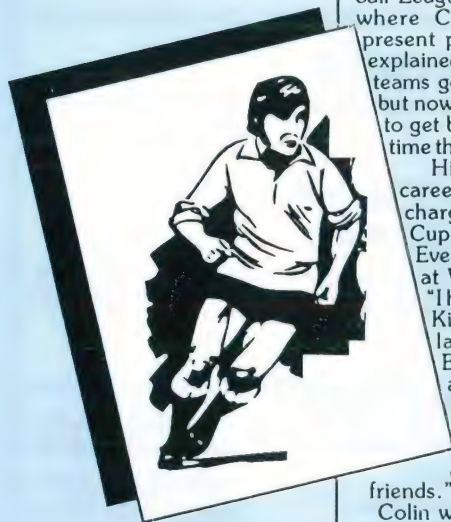
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It seems a pity that Carlisle based referee Colin Seel has now retired from the game as match official but one would have thought that a man with 21 years of Football League experience should be occupied in some match day capacity possibly as assessor. Colin was Club guest at the Notts County game having returned to his native North West to watch a match. He said, "I have been a long standing friend of Nat."

He turned to refereeing at the age of 22 after deciding that he wasn't good enough to become a player. "I decided to have a go and well remember the sawdust or creosote pitch markings on the parks" he recalled. After five years as a Football League linesman Colin got his first referee's appointment at Southport v Cambridge, "and my second was at Barrow. I remember having to hitch hike over the Shap back home" he said.

Both Barrow and Southport have of course since lost Football League status and this is where Colin applauds the present play off system. He explained, "I don't like to see teams go out of the League but now they have a chance to get back whereas at one time there was no chance."

Highlights of Colin's career include being in charge of the 1980 F.A. Cup semi final between Everton and West Ham at Villa Park. He said, "I had to send off Brian Kidd and some time later returned to Burnden as guest on a Sports Forum. Brian was also on the panel but we had a couple of pints and were the best of

friends."

Colin was chosen to officiate at England's mecca of

football in 1981 for the F.A. Vase Final. He commented, "It's every ref's dream for an F.A. Cup Final but with 92 referees it would take 92 years." On the continent he ran the line at Barcelona's New Camp Stadium in the old Inter-Cities Fairs Cup when Leeds were involved and treasures that experience. Colin Steel encourages anyone to take up refereeing particularly players who are either not quite good enough to make the grade or those who finish by the age of 30. He said, "If you aim for Mars you might land on the moon. You have got to have ambition and patience. Nationwide there are 19,000 officials and 92 will become Football League referees."

On the Gary Crosby/Andy Dibble controversy Colin said, "I seem to be in the minority of refs but I wouldn't have given a goal but that's only my opinion. I'd also be honest enough to say I'm glad not to have been the man in the middle."

As a referee Colin's biggest fear was to do something stupid. "The 40,000 crowd never bothered me" he said, but he's also had his share of controversy like one incident at Liverpool. "I'd awarded a penalty at the Kop end. The player hit the post and put the rebound away. I disallowed the goal and the player complained that he can't be offside from a penalty. I told him you can but you're not, you played the ball twice."

Colin Steel is now employed by Carlisle Council working as organiser in reviving the City's Great Fair, an event that dates back to 1352 but he still misses his involvement at pro. level.

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*Photo: Gary Henshaw volleys
Bolton's goal against Crewe in
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The Wanderers will today be looking to record their first football League success against Crewe Alexandra, thus leaving just two clubs against whom they have faced and failed to record at least one victory, namely Hartlepool and Scunthorpe.

The clubs first met in the League on the opening day of the 1987/88 season which was Bolton's first ever term in the Fourth Division. The game was originally scheduled to take place at Gresty Road but with work going on there not completed the encounter took place at Burnden Park.

Bolton got off to a dream start when Gary Henshaw, making his Wanderers League debut along with Dean Crombie, Trevor Morgan, John Thomas and Jeff Chandler, volleyed home after only three minutes.

The Wanderers lost their grip during the second half and Dave Platt rattled home Crewe's equaliser, the ball taking a deflection

before going in off the post.

It was in February 1988 that Bolton made their first League visit to Gresty Road, going down 2-1, with Crewe snatching a controversial last minute winner.

As at Burnden earlier that season the Wanderers took the lead early on when Trevor Morgan smashed the ball home from a Steve Thompson free kick after only five minutes.

Crewe equalised in the 19th minute when YTS signing Neil Morton scored his first goal for the club and on the stroke of full time came the winner. Full back Wayne Goodison punted a desperate ball into the Wanderers area which looked a comfortable catch for Dave Felgate until he was heavily challenged by Chris Cutler which allowed the ball to run into an open net.

Earlier this season at Gresty Road the Wanderers came back from a two goal deficit to draw 2-2. Paul Clayton and Aaron Callaghan had given Crewe a half time advantage but a double strike from David Reeves, the second just three minutes from time, earned Bolton a point.

This will be Crewe's second visit to Burnden this season as they went down 2-0 to goals from Julian Darby and Nicky Brookman in the preliminary round of the Leyland DAF cup during November.

Our overall record against Crewe is as follows:

	P	I	W	D	L	F	A
Home	1	0	1	0	1	1	
Away	2	0	1	1	3	4	
Total	3	0	2	1	4	5	



Upon returning to the First Division the side was immediately strengthened with a proven goalscorer. A £1,000 was invested in the signing of Alf Bentley from Derby County. He had been their leading scorer in 3 of the last 4 seasons scorings 102 goals in 151 games.

Stan Gimblett from the Swansea and District League was also signed on professional forms and James Hogan returned to the club after a season coaching in Dordrecht.

A crowd of 25344 saw the Wanderers lose their opening game 2-0 to

Newcastle at Burnden. As far as the home spectators were concerned the only highlight was a fire in the stand that was quickly extinguished.

On the same day the reserves entered new territory with their first ever game in the Central League, a 1-0 reverse at Liverpool being suffered.

Things improved on the League front and after 7 games the club were in 4th place one point behind the leaders—fellow promotion winners West Brom.

The consistent position continued until mid December when after beating Spurs 1-0 at Burnden and climbing into 2nd place, the bubble burst and by the end of the year were found in mid table. During December the Lancashire Cup was won by defeating Burnley in the final but injuries were beginning to take their toll.

The breaking point came when Hilton was out injured and Smith, Bentley, Marsh, Baverstock and Newton were all in hospital at once, to cap it all a number of other players caught flu.

Two major signings were made when firstly Jimmy Fay, who was to gain Football League representative recognition, came from Oldham Athletic and secondly Alec Donaldson, a future Scottish international, was signed from Ripley Athletic.

During this period Barnsley, the eventual winners, knocked the Wanderers out of the FA Cup at the third round stage and the following week a 1-0 defeat was incurred at Everton.

The next game on 2nd March saw West Brom visit Burnden. Once again internal problems came to the fore when they saw Greenhalgh refuse to play on the



wing to help overcome selection problems. He was suspended for six weeks and placed on the transfer list, Stan Gimblett taking his place. After six weeks Greenhalgh was reinstated and his apologies to the Board were accepted. A 2-0 win over West Brom was however the start of six consecutive wins in which not one goal was conceded.

Indeed in the Club's final 10 games only two ended in defeat, both by a single goal at Middlesbrough and Spurs, and only five goals were conceded in the last 13.

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BOLTON WANDERERS

The season wound up with a 1-1 draw against Manchester United at Burnden, a game which saw Joe Edmondson take his benefit to the tune of £300, and leave the Wanderers in a healthy fourth place.

The Bolton public had been treated to a season of scientific football—a clever thrilling game—not the crashing sort associated with the Second Division. They saw players in Wanderers colours produce a class of football that was normally associated with the likes of Aston Villa and Newcastle United.

At the season's end James Hogan returned to the continent to coach the Austrian National Team whilst Sam Marsh, who had made his debut in the 23rd game and Bolton's first win of 1902/03, made the short trip to Bury.

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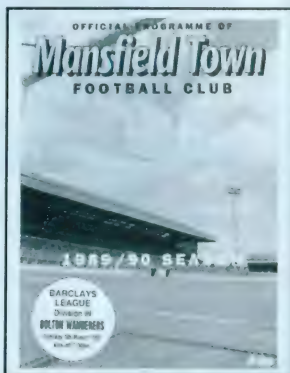
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A very attractive cover opened the way to this 32 page issue in which the highlights included articles on 'Would you Believe' an interesting full page review on previous meetings between the two sides and 'Profile' which featured an interview with new signing Wayne Fairclough who cost £80,000 from near neighbours Notts County.

The feature on the Wanderers team itself was very basic with just the team photo and pen pics re-produced. Commendable points for the programme were the intensive coverage of both the youth and reserves sides, a feature not always well covered by a majority of clubs.

The 'News and Views' article and the 'Found in the Files' page were both interesting features especially so for the 'Stag' fans who on the night did not have much to cheer about on the pitch with the Wanderers inflicting Mansfield's seventh home defeat on them.

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Mr. Nixon is married with two children and he is employed as a bank manager, with hobbies including golf and gardening.



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- 4 Paul COMSTIVE
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- 6 Mark WINSTANLEY
- 7 Stuart STORER
- 8 Steve THOMPSON
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